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The Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112,
second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out
5 and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the
invention. Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestions to overcome
these informalities.

Furthermore, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 4 under 35
10 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Leist et al. (US-5,555,923) and rejected
claims 1 through 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over
Berger, Jr. (US-6,062,293), in further in view of Leist et al. (US-5,555,923).

First, one of the important differences that differentiates Leist from
15 the claimed invention is that the reinforcement is not continuous.
Secondly, Leist does not show the use of folded joints. Lastly, the
reinforcement is not placed inside the folded joints. These differences are
sufficient to overcome the 102 basis for rejection.

20 The claimed improvement provides additional strength in the
specific portions of the garage door that are more susceptible to wind
forces, namely, the reversely folded edge portions with complementing
joints. The other alternative, using roll forming techniques, would have
been to use thicker panels. However, this would have increased the cost
25 and, more important, the weight. The characteristic of the claimed
improvement providing for conforming portions of the reinforcement has
the effect of selectively strengthening the most vulnerable portions with

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minimal increase in cost and weight. The effectiveness of the use of
conforming reinforcement was not obvious in Berger or Leist, or both in
combination. No motivation is encountered in the cited reference, or
elsewhere, to specifically buttress portions of a panel, especially the joints,
5 that extend uninterrupted.

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Applicant's proposed amendments obviate the Examiner's objections and believe his application is now allowable and ready to be passed to publication and requests an early favorable action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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